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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Pending claims

Claims 1 to 15 as filed are pending.

The Restriction Requirement

The Patent Office has alleged that the pending claims of the application are directed to two separate and distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a method and apparatus to display gene expression patterns, classified in class 702, subclass 20.
- II. Claims 12-15, drawn to method, apparatus and storage medium for visually displaying expression patterns of multiple genes, classified in class 702, subclass 20.

The Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1 to 11 [8], drawn to a method and apparatus to display gene expression patterns, classified in class 702, subclass 20.

The Species

The Patent Office has further alleged that the claims are directed to patentably distinct species:

1. a time sequential;
2. states of individual's tissues;
3. species of individuals;
4. individual's sites;
5. presence and absence of an artificial condition;
6. a combination of (a) through (e).